

STRONG MAY ASK WASHINGTON TO MAKE OAHU 'DRY'

Commander of Department Tired of Inability of Local Authorities To Enforce Law

PLANS RECOMMENDATION "DRY" ZONES BE CREATED

Such a Move Would Drive Out of Business All Liquor Houses Near Army Posts Here

INCOMPETENCE and the inability of the local authorities to enforce the spirit of the anti-liquor provisions of the National Army Law will result, it continued, in a recommendation by Brig-Gen. Frederick S. Strong, for a presidential proclamation which will make Oahu "bone-dry."

Under this law the President, at his discretion can proclaim about every military post and reservation a certain zone, in which the sale or possession of liquor is absolutely prohibited.

"If such an order did not come in this mail," stated General Strong, commander of this department, yesterday afternoon, "I will recommend at once that it be issued by the President, unless there is a material and immediate change for the better in the situation."

Should the President proclaim a "dry zone" of only one mile about Hawaiian military reservations, every liquor house on Oahu will be put out of business, so many and so close are the posts and reservations on this island. Oahu will be "drier" than even the most ardent prohibitionist ever hoped for.

There is every indication that the drastic measures taken by the army officials to stop the use of certain lodging houses in Honolulu as meeting places for soldiers seeking liquor through illicit channels has been successful so far as that point is concerned.

The continued arrests of civilians and bootleggers for supplying liquor to soldiers indicates that the lodging house feature is only one of many angles to the situation.

There is a feeling among the army men that the force necessary for police duty in connection with the suppression of this traffic is an undesirable drain upon the army at this time, when every military facility is required to be focused on the problems of the war.

General Is Determined

"I have no desire to injure the legitimate business of these people," stated General Strong, yesterday, in reference to the lodging house order. "On Saturday, however, conditions in connection with the furnishing of liquor to soldiers grew so bad that I was compelled to place guards over those places where it was known, or suspected, that soldiers were going to change to civilian clothes in order to purchase liquor, or to secure it in other ways."

Naturally this had some effect on the houses in question. One proprietor whose place was guarded came to me, and making a perfectly frank statement as to previous conditions, admitting that this traffic had been carried on, stated that he would suppress it entirely, and give any desired bond that it would not recur, if the guard was drawn off. The guard accordingly was taken off this one place, and if it has to go back again it will, of course go back for good.

"I have increased the secret service work in connection with the suppression of the traffic and will increase the guards where necessary."

All houses previously placed under guard, with the exception of the one mentioned by General Strong, remain under guard last night.

"I have read of the request of the better class among the liquor dealers to secure an official order prohibiting the sale of bottled goods to be consumed off the premises," continued General Strong, yesterday. "No one has been to see me about it yet, so I have not gone over the matter as to its probable efficacy in obtaining the ends sought."

BAR SILVER TRAVELS OVER PACIFIC ROUTE

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW YORK, June 19.—Bar silver at the rate of 2,000,000 ounces monthly is now being shipped across the Pacific to the Orient instead of by way of the Suez Canal. Lower freight rates and less insurance on the Pacific have caused the change in the route.

SAFE, SURE, ALWAYS CURES

Do not suffer from cramp colic or pain in the stomach when Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy goes to the right spot and gives immediate relief. You cannot afford to be without it if you are subject to attacks of this kind. For sale by all Dealers Boston, Smith, Agents for Hawaii.

BOARD PLUCKS FEATHER OUT OF BOURBON ROOSTER'S TAIL

Another feather was plucked from the tail of the Democratic rooster last night, and at the same time the skills were put under John Wise, superintendent of Kapiolani Park and the Public Baths, when the board of supervisors by unanimous vote amended and then passed on second reading a bill introduced by Holliher at the meeting of June 12.

In its present form the bill takes away from the mayor what has in the past been his choicest plum and greatest source of political power—the appointment of janitors, laborers and other tax eaters.

Holliher on June 12 introduced two bills, one creating the office of superintendent of Kapiolani Park and the Public Baths, the other establishing the office of superintendent of parks, other than Kapiolani.

But last night he amended the first bill, combining it with the second, so that the bill now establishes the office of superintendent of public grounds and public buildings and gives that official the sole power to appoint assistants, janitors and laborers.

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MAUI AND MATSONIA WILL STAY ON RUN UNTIL LATER TIME

Government Releases Big Liners But Serves Notice It Will Take Them Over Later

MATSON COMPANY MAY LOSE ALL FOUR OF ITS VESSELS

Present Situation Is Improved But Future Is Left Doubtful and Threatening

The government requisitioned the Matson liners Maui and Matsonia for immediate use, later changed its mind and while now warning the company that they will be ultimately taken over, they will continue for an indefinite period on the local service.

This, in brief, is the summary of the developments yesterday in the local shipping situation which has been working shipping and commercial men here since the first cable was received a week ago.

The most important contribution to the record yesterday was an Associated Press dispatch received yesterday afternoon by The Advertiser, as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19.—The Matson schedule will continue for an indefinite period, sailings remaining unchanged. The government, however, has served notice that the boats will be ultimately requisitioned but no direct orders have yet been received.

The situation instead of improving with this slight gleam of hope, has been rendered rather more alarming by other developments. The Associated Press dispatch gave no indication that it did not mean the entire Matson fleet would be requisitioned, while a letter from D. M. Linnard, president of the Southern California Realty Board, to A. P. Taylor of the promotion committee, contains the following paragraph:

"Had an interview yesterday with the assistant general passenger agent to advise me that government agents came in on them unexpectedly yesterday and no doubt will take over all four of their boats for hospital service."

The letter is dated June 12. The company was therefore first notified of the impending requisition on June 11.

Agency Uncertain of Future

Castle & Cooke, local agents of the Matson Navigation Company were yesterday not able to give more information than that the vessels would continue for an indefinite time on local service. A cable was received yesterday morning, in addition to a letter from Capt. William Matson, to E. D. Penney, vice-president and general manager of Castle & Cooke.

The cable was in answer to one dispatched by the agents the night before, requesting further details. It stated that the Maui would sail on June 27th for Honolulu and that for business was being booked as usual for the two liners and the fleet as a whole.

It is apparent that the Matson Navigation Company itself is not certain as to the future status of the ships but is requesting further details. It is expected a requisition at any time.

Captain Matson, in writing to Mr. Penney, states that the Matsonia was measured by the federal agents for a hospital ship and that the United States has the right to take over steamers and fix a price to be paid the owners for them. He is endeavoring, however, to secure two German steamers if the Matsonia is taken over, and two more if the Maui is taken over.

Matsonia Actually Seized

"This vessel," stated Manager John H. Drew, of the shipping department of Castle & Cooke, yesterday, "was actually seized by the government as she lay at the wharf at San Francisco half loaded for the Islands. Captain Matson at once sent telegrams to Washington pointing out the hardship that would result if the order was followed and the ship was released for the time being. Between that time and the present the government has apparently changed its mind and will not take over the ships as soon as had been intended. We are entirely up in the air, and are working practically on a day to day basis."

While the Matsonia was in San Francisco the navy officials enrolled every officer of the ship who could pass the physical examination and who wished to accept a commission in the reserve. Thus Captain Charles Peterson becomes a lieutenant-commander, the rank usually given to commanders of merchant vessels to be taken over by the government. His officers were graded accordingly.

Forster P. O. Whitney has not yet been enrolled as paymaster owing to a slight color blindness which was discovered in his physical examination, which he believes will not eventually bar him from a reserve commission. In all probability he will be admitted when he returns to the Coast.

POSTAL PAY RAISED

Postoffice employees in Hawaii who receive less than \$1000 a year are expected, according to Postmaster McAdams, to have their salaries increased under the new federal law providing for increases in pay of government officials after July 1.

BOARD ACCEPTS JOB

The board of supervisors last night voted to accept the Heretania Street (King to Nuanetsi) Improvement job and instructed the auditor to draw a warrant on the treasurer covering the final payment.

TRUSTEES ELECT DOCTOR WILLIAMS

Pastor Will Take Place Left Vacant By Resignation of Dr. Doremus Scudder

Upon recommendation of F. J. Lowrey, president of the board of trustees and chairman of the committee on selection of a pastor, Dr. John H. Williams was elected to the regular position of acting pastor of Central Union Church Monday evening at a joint meeting of the trustees and standing committee.

During the past seven months Doctor Williams has supplied the pulpit of the church most acceptably and is very highly regarded by the membership of the church. This election places him in full leadership at Central Union for an indefinite period.

Doctor Williams came to Honolulu from Redlands, California. He was elected pastor-emeritus of his church there and was invited to come to Honolulu to fill the pulpit for two months following the departure of Dr. Doremus Scudder to the pastorate of the Union Church in Tokyo, Japan. Doctor Williams' sermons have attracted a wide following and both he and Mrs. Williams have made a host of friends during their few months in Honolulu.

J. L. Hopwood, for the past fourteen years pastor of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Memorial Chapel at Kūhōkū, was chosen as assistant pastor of Central Union Church. He will take over many of the lines of work in the church organizations formerly carried on by A. A. Eberole, who resigned some months ago to enter Y. M. C. A. work in the prison camps of Europe.

Mr. Hopwood is well and favorably known in Honolulu. He will assume his new position in September. A portion of his time will be devoted to certain philanthropic interests of the Atherton Estate, but he will have a large part in directing the activities of the Central Union Church.

Present at this important joint meeting of church officials were Dr. J. H. Williams, E. T. Chase, F. J. Lowrey, John Waterhouse, Frank Atherton, William L. Whitney, C. H. Atherton, J. T. Warren, A. E. Larimer, George S. Waterhouse, Stanley Livingston, Dr. J. M. Whitney, W. J. Forbes, A. C. Alexander, Dr. R. D. Williams, Mrs. E. B. Waterhouse, Mrs. Andrew Brown, Mrs. Henry Waterhouse and Mrs. A. C. Alexander.

MORE INDICTMENTS FOR SCOTTS FOUND

Grand Jury in San Francisco Finds Other Bills Against Brothers

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—Two additional indictments were returned by the grand jury against J. J. Scott, who was collector of internal revenue here and with his brother Lloyd Scott, is accused of embezzling government funds. An additional indictment was also returned against Lloyd Scott.

The first additional indictment against J. J. Scott contains sixteen separate counts and alleges thefts amounting to \$1900. The second has thirty-two counts and alleges as many thefts that total \$2500.

The additional indictment against Lloyd Scott charges thefts of \$1000.

BANDITS ESCAPE WITH THOUSANDS IN BOOTY

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

CHICAGO, June 20.—Two armed and masked bandits entered an express car standing in one of the railroad yards in the city limits last night, and bound the express messenger. They then looted the car and escaped with between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in cash, together with a large package of diamonds.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE BOOKS TO BE ISSUED

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The United States government soon will issue a "Red, White and Blue Book," the first of a series dealing with the war and explaining how this country came to enter the great conflict. Others will be issued to cover the progress of the war from time to time.

TREASURY RECEIPTS RUN ABOVE MILLION

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, June 19.—For the first time in history the ordinary receipts at the national treasury today exceeded a billion dollars. The total is \$1,015,000,000, as compared with \$600,000,000 for the previous year.

HULK OF BURNED STEAMER SINKS AT KAHOO LAWE

Word was received yesterday that the hulk of the burned steamer Hamakua, destroyed by fire on May 31, disappeared beneath the waves last Saturday off the island of Kahoolawe. This is the last of what was a sturdy little vessel, the derelict ceasing to be a menace to navigation. The hulk was not feared by shipping men as it had drifted into the Kahoolawe currents, said to be strong and consistent enough to keep the hulk out of the paths of interested navigation.

Although the vessel is finally gone from sight, echoes of the tragedy that wrecked her and cost the lives of two men are still heard. The United States inspectors of hulls and boilers have just completed an investigation resulting in the complete exoneration of all officers, and the public utilities commission is now holding its investigation.